

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held virtually on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was rescheduled from March 11, 2021, due to no quorum.

Present: Brad Brodbeck, Brandon Dhuey, Rob Goplin, Alan Matzke, David Poteat,  
David Lasee

Excused: Glenn Deviley

Absent: Derek Beiderwieden

Item #1. Adoption of the Agenda.

Goplin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. No additions/revisions to the agenda.

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

A motion was made by Lasee and seconded by Brodbeck to approve the minutes from the last meeting on December 10, 2020. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of General Membership Coordinator.

Dhuey reported that at the last meeting he handed out respirators and a filter to everyone. He stated he attended the MABAS meeting and gave an update, which was well-received. There were no fires since the last meeting until this past weekend when there were two call-outs. He showed everyone the new camera after the meeting. The spring conference in June is still on. Angie Cali will be retiring in February, so there will be a level III investigator position open. A motion was made by Brodbeck and seconded by Matzke to approve the General Membership coordinator's report. **Motion carried.**

Item #4. Financial Report.

Brodbeck reported the balance in the budget is \$29,114.57. Dhuey will check with the team about any items that need to be purchased. A motion was made by Matzke and seconded by Dhuey to approve the financial report. **Motion carried.**

Item #5. Old Business.

A. Disposition of Case Proceedings.

Dhuey reported that a jury trial is scheduled in April for Luis Hernandez in reference to the apartment complex fire on Verlin Road.

Item #6. New Business.

A. Approval of Investigator Applicants.

Dhuey stated the following applicants were interviewed:

Daniel Peterson - Ashwaubenon  
Justin Stepien - Wayside  
David Rienow - Airport  
Cory Zegers - Green Bay  
Benjamin Holle - Airport  
Bonnie Vanderlinden - Suamico

He noted it was a good group of applicants whose interviews went well. They are all qualified, and it is the first time anyone from the airport has applied. He recommends that all six be approved as level I investigators. A motion was made by Matzke and seconded by Brodbeck to approve all six applicants as level I investigators. **Motion carried.**

Item #7. Report of Juvenile Fire Setter Program Coordinator.

Dhuey reported that Angie Cali and Cody Johnson didn't have any new referrals in the last quarter. Cali does have one in the program, but the mom hasn't been very accommodating. Matzke stated that one of the fires from this past weekend involved a juvenile.

Item #8. Other Matters.

Brodbeck asked if a designee could be appointed for Board members if they are unable to attend meetings in the future. There was a question if that member's voting rights are transferred to someone else from that member's department. Lasee said the bylaws would need to state something about that. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda for action, if necessary, after review of the bylaws.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

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Item #10. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary